Air pollution caused by stone crushing units in Delhi

2506. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 9th May, 1988 regarding high percentage of air pollution which is causing havoc with the life and health of the people in Rajokri, a harijan basti in Dehli due to the existence of a large number of stone crushing units there; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps taken by Government include the following:

(i) Standards for dust emissions from stone crushing units were notified in the Gazette under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(ii) Appropriate action is being taken against the defaulting units under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Conducting of loan melas in Meghalaya

2507. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any request from then Meghalaya Government for conducting loan melas in the State; and

(b) what decision has been taken thereon and by when such loan melas are proposed to be conducted there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Public Sector Banks organise credit camps in various parts of the country as a part of their over all measures to improve the flow of credit to weaker sections. Decisions to organise such camps are taken by them from time to time.

Advocates empanelled with the National Insurance Company in Delhi

2508. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the advocates in the panel of the National Insurance Company in Delhi along with the dates of their inclusion in the panel;

(b) what is the number of cases entrusted to each such advocate alongwith the fees paid during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for the equitable distribution of legal work among the empanelled advocates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. (See below). It is not the practice to disclose details of professional fees.

(c) Distribution of legal work is made by the Divisional Offices of the company keeping in view the expertise and availa-